Pat's Lesson Plan for Sunday School

Nov. 19
1. Begin with Prayer
2. Review last weeks lesson
3. Read Mark 22:34
4. See if Children can relate this reading to their everyday lives.
5. Bible reading & Lesson Luke 17:11 "Thanksgiving"
6. Work Book
7. Activity either with leaves or a drawing for Thanksgiving Day.

Nov. 26
1. Prayer
2. Review
3. Bible reading
4. feed back from Children
5. Work Book
6. activity Period - ?

Dec. 3
1. Prayer
2. Review
3. Bible lesson
4. work Book
5. activity (Begin drawing of the Scene at Bethlehem.

Dec. 10
1. Prayer
2. Review
3. Bible Lesson - Matthew 1:18:25 "Birth of Jesus."
4. feed back
5. Work Book
6. Work on Christmas drawing

Dec. 17

1. Prayer
2. Review
3. Bible Lesson Luke 2:1-21 "Birth of Jesus"
4. Work Book
5. activity Period: Finish Christmas drawing

Dec. 24

1. Prayer
2. Review
3. Bible Lesson
4. Work Book
5. Sing Christmas Carols.

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Concetta Di Lenzo
Bible Class

11/14/78

Seven Last Words

First Word: "Creator, forgive them, they know not what they do." Luke 23: 35-43

Second Word: "This Day Shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Luke 23: 35-43

Third Word: "Women behold thy Son; Son behold thy Mother." John 20: 25-27

Fourth Word: "I Thirst." John 19: 28-29

Fifth Word: "My God, My God, Why hast thou Forsaken Me."

Sixth Word: "It is Finished." John 19: 30

Seventh Word: "Into thy Hands I Commend My Spirit." Luke 23: 44-47

Cosmerfords

Chuck ✓

Melissa ✓

Theresa ✓

George ✓

Mary

Kathy

Bunny

Vanessa 4 mos.

Tommy 18 mos.

Lynn

Debby -

~~Paints - edible!~~

~~Play-Doh~~

Evelyn

Roy - Ray

✓ Eddie

✓ Robert

✓ ?

Cheryl & Richie
Nathan

Pat Ryan
Barbara

Stuff to go

Mary

Kathy

Missy

Liaine

Sean

(Girl)

Rey
Jessica

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF PROVIDENCE
POST OFFICE BOX 1462 PROVIDENCE, RI 02901

Rev. Marge Ragona, Pastor
5 Junction Street, Providence
(401) 272—9247

Sunday Services - 7:00 PM
134 Mathewson St.

December 5, 1978

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In Christ,
Rev. Marge Ragona
Rev. Marge Ragona, Pastor

mfr

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF PROVIDENCE

POST OFFICE BOX 1462 PROVIDENCE, RI 02901

Rev. Mary Ragona, Pastor
3 Junction Street, Pawtucket
(401) 272-4242

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124 Mathewson St

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5 Junction Street, Providence
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Sunday Services - 7:00 PM
134 Mathewson St.

November 10, 1978

TO OUR BROTHER AND SISTER CHURCHES:

Providence is the jewelry capital of the United States. One of our members has made it possible for us to provide a very nice MCC cross at a very reasonable price -- one at which your church can also make a handsome profit.

The crosses are rhodium plated and have a rhodium plated chain. They have the Chi Rho and Alpha and Omega on the face, and the Spirit of God descending as a dove on the obverse.

The crosses sell to your church for $18.00 per dozen, and most churches sell them for $3.00. A few sell them for more.

With Christmas coming, the MCC cross makes a meaningful Christmas gift (stocking gift, perhaps) for our members to give and get.

We would be happy to send you a dozen by return mail, to see for yourself how quickly they sell. These are a welcome addition to your booktable and we guarantee that they will move very, very quickly.

In Christian love,

MCC Providence

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OF PROVIDENCE

POST OFFICE BOX 1962 PROVIDENCE, RI 02901

Rev. Marie Eugene Taylor
5 Junction Street, Providence
(401) 272-0247

Sunday Services - 10:00 AM
124 Mulberry St.

November 10, 1978

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Girls — 7
5
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10 year olds	3	3
11 year olds		1
12 year olds	2	2
13 year olds		1
14 year olds	3	1
15 year olds		3
16 year olds		1

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If there is anything you can do to help our children have a happier Christmas, we and their mothers would appreciate it. Our best wishes to all of you, and God's blessing on the work you do for all of our children.

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mlr

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Mr. Walter Laurie
Falcons Motorcycle Club
P.O. Box 533
Pawtucket, R.I. 02862

Dear Walter:

Sorry it has taken me so long to get to you, but things have been hectic.

Enclosed is thelist of the children and their ages. I hope this will be helpful and suggest to people the age groups with the greatest need.

Thanks again for your help, and wish the Falcons our best for the Christmas season. Miss you!

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Providence, Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

Our church has a need to raise some money to meet the special demands that the holiday season is making on us. We have a number of church members working at Ansons who have suggested reaching out through a sale of jewelry.

Would it be possible for us to buy some Anson products at a wholesale or lower rate for resale only within the church? This would give us an opportunity to make money and provide our people with some valuable gifts to give their families and friends.

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Attention getting:

1. Ignore
2. Inappropriateness
3. Return cued to parent

Evaluation

1. Feedback
2. Observation
3. Game
4. Puzzle
5. Walk in workbook
6. Conversation

Connie	Pat
~~Bette~~ Belle	Sandra
Barbara	Chuck
Missy	Mary Helen
Teresa	Kevin
Teresa	Robert
Ray-Ray	Steven
Eddie	Debbie

-Lesson Plan-

Christian Education - Providence

2 classes

Connie - Youngsters Pat - older Children

1. Teacher's State —
   a. What's been going on:
   b. Discipline — heading off misbehavior
      1. Keeping kids occupied
      2. No opportunities for aggression
      3. Not left unsupervised
      4. No yelling
   c. Setting up 3 rules
      1. Quiet
      2. Worship
      3. Example
   d. Christian Attitudes
      1. Love
      2. Caring
      3. Concern

2. Preparation:
   1. Objective
   2. How?
   3. Evaluation

Objectives

1. God cares / Jesus cares
2. Love for each other / love your neighbor
   love yourself
3. Church is a place to worship
4. What are parents for?
5. Prayer is a way of speaking to God.
6. Teaching "Good" + "Bad"

Methods

1. Show + tell. - displays / objects
2. Story telling
   visual aids
3. Handicrafts - construction
4. - Reading -
5. Discussion
6. Films + Vis. Aids
7. Workbooks
8. Role playing
9. Singing / music
10. Play

Applications

1. Living ē parents
2. Getting along ē brothers + sisters
3. Problems in school
4. Problems ē peers
5. Dealing ē prejudice
6. Obedience to rules
7.

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Sandy + Dot

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Dorothy Geary
- Matthew 2 1/2

ENVELOPE I

Take no more than 15 minutes to review your church needs of each of the three areas presented in the introduction, determinig which of them your church have more need to strengthen. These are:

1. Involving present members.
2. Attracting new people.
3. Financial resources.

Then open Envelope II

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MCC ALFHA & OMEGA

ENVELOPE I

ENVELOPE II

Take one hour to accomplish your goal. After the first 30 minutes stop and get a 5 minutes feedback from your observer. Then proceed with discussion.

Open the lenvelope labeled with area of greatest need.

MCC ALFHA & OMEGA

ENVELOPE II

ENVELOPE III

You have 30 minutes to plan a presentation of your group views on the problem that you discussed.

The presentation is to be No more than 5 minutes in length, and is to included in some way each member of the group.

MCC ALFHA & ONEGA

ENVELOPE III

Involving Present Members

Goal: Develop some ways to increase the involving and participation of present members and friends of the church.

Questions to Consider:

1. In addition to Sunday services what other kind of activities can people get involved in?
2. Which activities give people an opportunity to receive something?
   a. Learning about the Bible?
   b. Meeting new friends?
   c. Social activities?
3. Which activities give people an opportunity to contribute something?
   a. Planning an activity?
   b. Developing an outreach ministry?
   c. Participating in the choir?
4. Discuss various ways of chosing people choosing people to get involve in activities.
   a. By election
   b. By appointment by the pastor

When the hour is up open envelope #3

MCC ALFHA & OMEGA

INVOLVING PRESENT MEMBERS

Attracting New People

Goal: Develop some ways to attract new people to your church.

Questions to consider:

1. How did the people in the group first came to MCC?

   a. Word of mouth?
   b. Advertisements?
   c. Social activities?
   d. Personal invitations?

2. How many of you participate in the planning of your activities and how many participate in the activities that someone else planned?

3. What different settings (places) have you considered for outreach and which have you neglected?

   a. Bar?

   b. Streets?

When the hour is up open envelope #3

MCC ALFHA & OMEGA

ATTRACTING NEW PEOPLE

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Goal: To develop some ways to strengthen your church financial resources.

Questions to Consider:

1. What is your present program?
   a. What source of income do you have?
2. In what area is it working well and in which one is it failing?
3. What traditional resources are being neglected?
   a. Pledges and offerings?
   b. Special offerings?
   c. Tithe?
   d. Fund raising activities?

When the hour is up open envelope #3.

MCC ALFA & OMEGA

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

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Dear Marge,

Hope this card says all I want to tell you. I could not of said it better. It is exactly what I think and feel. Your Friendship has meant a lot to me. Our Paths, crossed for some special reason, The reason I don't Know, but I know it was meant to be.

The gift is a spicial gift. It also has a significant reason. Ships, boats, or what ever you want to call them cross a lot of different Paths, so you are like that ship you will cross a lot of different paths, sometimes it will be wavey, or calm, or sometime you will make your own path. The path that you make will be yours to do with what you want. Let good things cross your path, unhappy things will cross anyway. Take time to enjoy the things that cross your path as you deserve it. There is nothing else to say except thanks for helping, caring, loving, and just being there. Sometimes things were good, sometimes things were sad, but always something good came out of it. I will always think of you. I wish you the best of luck. And Yes God Bless You.

Love
Dorothy

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The Path of Friendship

Jean Kyler McManus

There's a
lovely
path of friendship
That's abloom
with kindly deeds
And sometimes
as we follow it
We can't see
where it leads...
It runs along through
sunlit fields
And gardens
bright with flowers
But now and then
the sunny skies
Will cloud
with sudden showers...

And when our path
runs into rocks
Or heights that we're afraid of
It's then we see quite clearly
What our friendship's
really made of...
The path of friendship
dips and turns
But somehow never ends
As long as faith
and love are there
Within the hearts of friends

I'm thankful
every day I live
For the warmth and kindness
that you give–
Thankful that in God's design
He planned it so your path
crossed mine

Love,
Matthew & Dorothy

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IGREJA DA COMUNIDADE METROPOLITANA DE PROVIDENCE

Sunday Services - 7:00pm
134 Mathewson Street

Sejam bem-vindos todos os Portugueses de Rhode Island. Somos uma Igreja que proclama a salvação de Jesus Cristo a todos os homossexuais. A Confraternidade Universal de Igrejas da Comunidade Metropolitana foi fundada em 1968 pelo Rev. Troy Perry, autor do livro O Senhor é meu Pastor e sabe que sou homossexual, em Los Angeles. Esta Igreja proclama a libertação para todos, e oferece seu ministério aos Povos de todas as raças, cores, credos e etnias diferentes. É uma Igreja onde hà uma conglomeração de pobres e ricos, velhos e jovens, nobres e humildes. Tanto o homossexual como o heterossexual é bem-vindo para adorar, testemunhar, trabalhar e servir juntos. É uma Igreja para o século XX.

O Cristianismo é a Revelação de Deus em Jesus Cristo através das Sagradas Escrituras. O Antigo Testamento o profetiza, o Novo Testamento o apresenta, e a Igreja Cristã o proclama em todos os tempos e a todas as gentes. A Igreja da Comunidade Metropolitana fundamenta sua Fé nos pricípios dos Credos Históricos: O Credo dos Apóstolos e o Credo de Niceia ou Niceno.

Proclamamos em Deus Triuno, de uma só substância, nas pessoas do Pai, Filho e Espirito Santo, omnipotente e omnisciente, em Deus Criador de todo o Universo. A Biblia é a Palavra de Deus divinamente inspirada, mostra Deus em cada pessoa através da Lei e dos Profetas, e finalmente e em toda a sua totalidade em Jesus Cristo, Verdadeiro Deus e Verdadeiro Homem. Em plena comunhão com Deus, Nosso Pai, Jesus foi revelado uma vêz e sempre a todos como Filho de Deus. Somos purificados pela Graça de Deus através da Fé em Jesus Cristo. Fomos salvos da solidão, desespero e degradação pela Graça de Deus que foi declarada em Nosso Senhor, Jesus Cristo. Tal graça não é merecida sem o puro amor de Deus. Todos são filhos de Deus por meio de Jesus Cristo, quer sejam homossexuais ou heterossexuais.

A Igreja da Comunidade Metropolitana de Providence anuncia os seus Cultos aos domingos pelas 19:00 horas na 134 Mathewson St., Providence. 2a.as Feiras ás 19:30 horas Estudio Bíblico na 5 Junction St., Providence. Para mais informações poderá contactar através do telefone (401)-272-9247 entre as 19:00 horas e as 21 hora todas as 2.as Feiras e 5.as Feiras. Ricardo Matera fala Espanhol e podera ajudas-vos nas vossas dificuldades. O Pastor é o Rev. George S. McDermott.

Em Jesus Cristo Nossa Esperança

Miss Barbara F. Dewey

30 Greeley Street

Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF GREATER PROVIDENCE
37 Clemence Street
(401) 274-1693
Providence, RI. 02903

The greatest life ever lived was the life of Jesus. The greatest teachings ever given to us came from the lips of Jesus Christ. For nineteen hundred years He has haunted the literature of the world. Today He stands again at the point where all the roads of humanity meet, waiting to be made Liberator of all who accept Him.

This course makes no claim whatever of dealing with the problems which are presented in a critical study of the life of Jesus. It aims at giving a brief overview of the life and times and teachings of Jesus, more to introduce us to the interesting and rewarding experience which a personal knowledge of Him will bring

The course is offered with the knowledge that no course can substitute for a personal knowledge of and committment to Jesus Christ. It is our hope that you who come to know more about Him will also come to know Him as your Christ.

May 6 The World into which Jesus came.
(The Political, Economic, Religious Background)

May 13 An Outline of the Life of Christ
(Childhood, Early Life and Ministry)

May 20 An Outline of the Life of Christ, Continued
(Entry and Road into Jerusalem, Conflict, Death, Resurrection and Ascension

May 27 Four Books, One Story
(Simularities and Differences)

Jun 3 What Did Jesus Teach
(The Kingdom, God, Righteousness, Possessions, Love)

Jun 10 Teaching the Life of Christ
(How do we witness to others?)

Jun 17 The By-laws of The Universal Fellowship of MCC
(The Worship, Doctrine and Discipline of the Church)

Tuesday evenings some of us will gather for Pot-Luck Supper at 7:00 PM, Prayer at 8:00 PM and Class at 9:00 PM you are invited to join for any part of the evening

Rev. Jos. H. Gilbert, Pastor

P.O. Box 40
Providence, R.I. 02901
March 28, 1983

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings in the names of the Creator, the Liberator, and the Holy Spirit.

You are cordially invited to share our joy as we celebrate the tenth anniversary of M.C.C. Providence. In honor of the occassion, we have planned three days of activities:

Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.- An evening with Troy Perry. Troy will be sharing with us a preview of the upcoming T.V. special.

Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.- Celebration worship service, followed by a fellowship hour.

Saturday, April 16, 6-8:00 p.m.- Potluck supper,followed by, 8:00- ? - Cabaret, an informal evening of informal entertainment.

All of the above events are happening at 134 Matthewson Street here in Providence. Please plan to attend. If any of you would like to participate in the Cabaret, please write to us so we can include you in the program, or call us at (401)-273-8473. Ask for Bill or Stewart.

See you next month !

God bless you,

The Anniversary Committee

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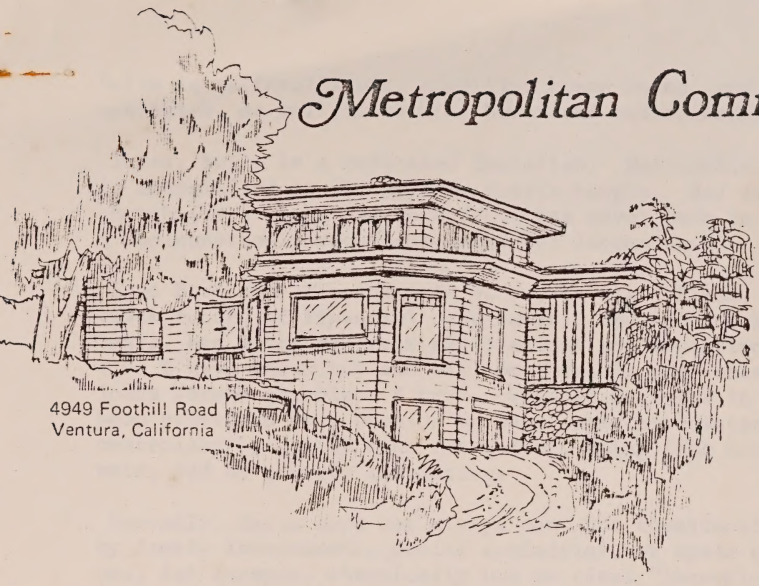

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RE: Exhorter Belle Pellegrino

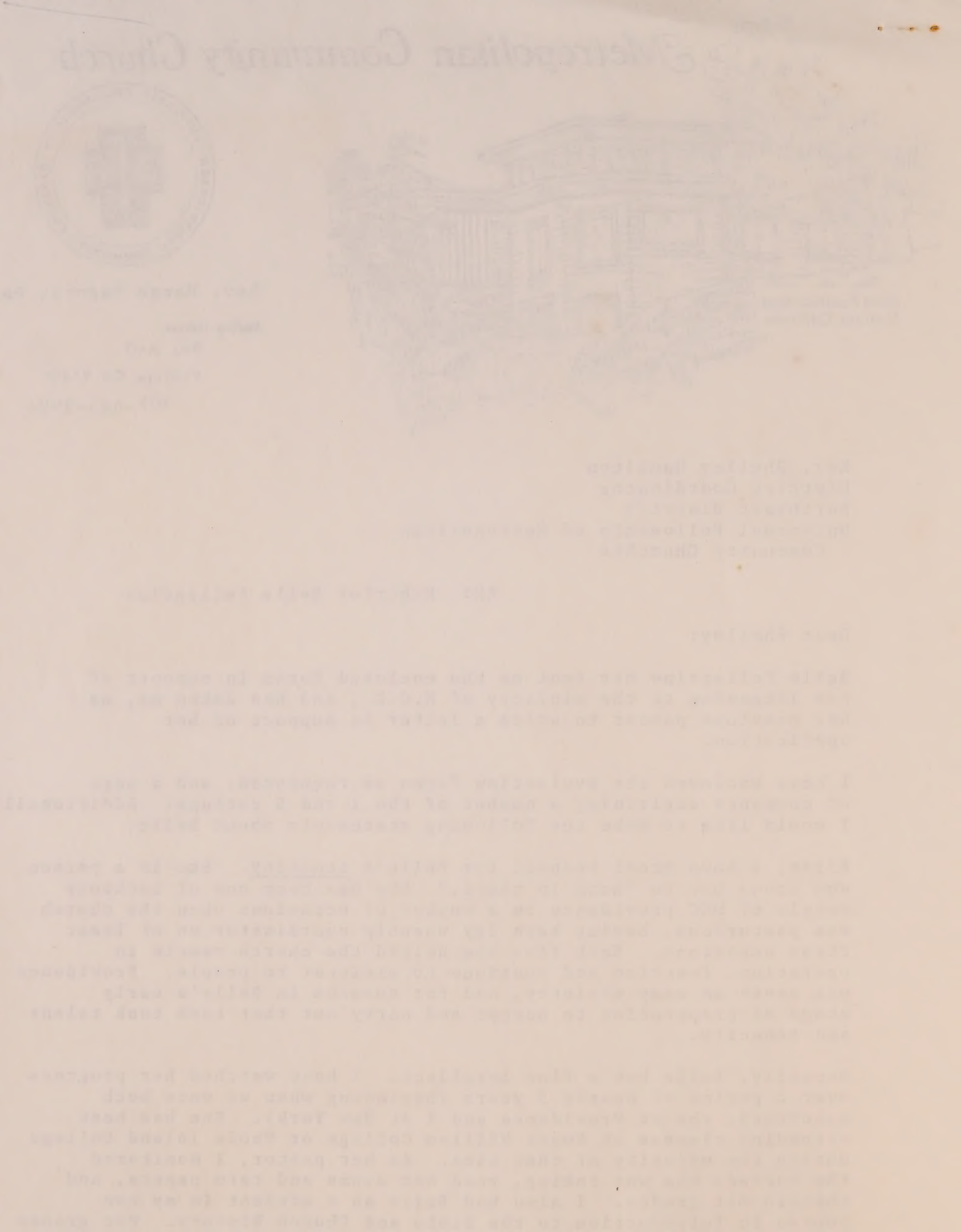
Dear Shelley:

Belle Pellegrino has sent me the enclosed forms in support of her licensing to the ministry of M.C.C., and has asked me, as her previous pastor to write a letter in support of her application.

I have enclosed the evaluation forms as requested, and a page of comments explaining a number of the 1 and 5 ratings. Additionally, I would like to make the following statements about Belle:

First, I have great respect for Belle's tenacity. She is a person who knows how to "hang in there." She has been one of backbone people of MCC providence on a number of occasions when the church was pastorless, having been lay worship coordinator on at least three occasions. Each time she helped the church remain in operation, function and continue to minister to people. Providence was never an easy ministry, and for someone in Belle's early stage of preparation to accept and carry out that task took talent and tenacity.

Secondly, Belle has a fine intellect. I have watched her progress over a period of nearly 5 years (beginning when we were both exhorters, she at Providence and I at New York). She has been attending classes at Roger William College or Rhode Island College during the majority of that time. As her pastor, I monitored the courses she was taking, read her exams and term papers, and checked her grades. I also had Belle as a student in my own course in Introduction to the Bible and Church History. Her grades were usually excellent, and in my courses her performance on exams was superior.



Belle is an intelligent, sensitive human being, and she will bring those qualities, as well as warmth, humor and understanding to the ministry.

Third, Belle is a dedicated Christian. Her gentle, caring, deeply felt faith is exemplified in the way she treats people. Her devotion to Christ, to the church (as a whole and to M.C.C.) has never been in question. On these grounds I wholeheartedly recommend Belle for licensing.

I do have some reservations at two levels. First, Belle has a very poor track record of financial management. She has not held a remunerative job for years, has lived on grant applications and educational loans for most of the time I have known her and will be terribly over-extended for years when those loans become payable. I have counseled with her in this matter, and she has been prevented from working by many, many circumstances which she might have controlled by better time management, being less controlled by her family and/or mate, and by greater initiative.

Secondly, Belle does not always meet her commitments, very often being hindered by family involvement, social activities, or again poor time management. She has, for example, chronically had to clear "Incompletes" from her academic record. At times she has not met her responsibilities at the church, but I must admit these occasions are rare.

I do believe Belle has a sincere call to the ministry, has been and is engaged in seriously preparing herself for the ministry, and will make an intelligent, caring, dedicated minister.

My problem with this is that I am not sure she is ready <u>at this time</u> (are any of us?), and would feel better about recommending her more unconditionally if she were working, managing better financially, and was less apt to allow her large family to deter her from church and school responsibilities.

Belle is aware of my thinking in these areas, so this letter will not come as a surprise to her, and I have sent her a copy of it.

I commend her to your prayerful evaluation of her potential, trust that you will encourage her to keep on working toward the ministry, and hope that I have presented fairly both her many excellent qualities and those areas in which she needs strengthening.

Belle has my personal regard. I believe that some time within the next few years she will be able to join us in the ministry, for she has and does minister; but I would feel more comfortable if she had more time to stabilize before I could recommend her without any conditions.

My best to you all during your deliberations. I miss many of you in the District, and am in prayer for you at this time.

IN CHRIST'S LOVE,

Marjorie F. Ragona

Rev. Marjorie F. Ragona,
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PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY EVALUATION FORM

Applicant's Name: Belle Pellegrino Date: 4-6-80

I. Evaluator's relationship to Applicant (check one)
(Evaluations are required from each appropriate source listed.)

(Applicants may apply for license as a minister even if they do not receive affirmative recommendations from the evaluators

- ___ Self
- ___ Board of Directors (where applicant is member)
- ___ Board of Directors (where applicant serves, if different)
- ___ Pastor
- ✓ Former Pastor (if Pastor has changed in last three months)
- ___ Other
- ___ District Coordinator (if for re-license)
- ___ Reference from former Denomination (if transferring)

II. Rate the applicant from 1 to 5 for each category below, (1 is the highest or best rating and 5 is the lowest or worst rating) by placing an X in the appropriate column. If you feel there is insufficient information, or if a category does not apply to the applicant being rated, place an X under UE (unable to evaluate). On an attached piece of paper, feel free to make a comment on any rating.

A. Personal Awareness

	1	2	3	4	5	UE
Dependability					X	
Creativity			X			
Adaptability				X		
Resourcefulness		X				
* Ability to say "no"					X	
Feeling of acceptance:						
1. by congregation		X				
2. by community		X				
Capacity to deal with:						
* 1. anger				X		
* 2. authority		X				
* 3. ambiguity, ability to live with		X				
4. new ideas		X				
5. conflicts		X				
* 6. alternate lifestyles		X				
7. differing points of view		X				
Self Control						
* 1. chemical dependency	X					
2. confidentiality			X			
3. time management					X	
4. financial management					X	
* 5. positive health habits				X		
6. emotional stability			X			

Self	1	2	3	4	5	UE
1. reliance					X	
2. acceptance			X			
3. initiative					X	
4. criticism			X			

B. Ministry

Worship	1	2	3	4	5	UE
1. preparation			X			
2. delivery			X			
* 3. flexibility		X				
4. preaching			X			
5. communion						
a. serving		X				
b. consecration			X			
Serving						
1. attitude		X				
2. followthrough					X	
3. ability to relate to others		X				
4. concern for others		X				
5. ability to communicate		X				
Particular responsibilities:						
1. CHILDREN'S Program	X					
2. PRISON MINISTRY	X					
3. LESBIAN MOTHERS >X						

* Clarification of Terminology:

Ability to say "no" - confident and forceful enough to give a negative response when doing so is indicated and best

Anger - comfortable in expressing one's own anger or handling anger expressed by others

PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY EVALUATION FORM -- COMMENTS re BELLE PELLEGRINO

A. Dependability: Belle sometimes fall down in this area because of commitments to her family which makes often unnecessary demands on her. This also means that she has difficulty saying "No" when she has other responsibilities.

Self-Control:

1. Chemical Dependency: Belle was at one time an alcoholic. In all the years that I have known her, I have never seen her so much as take a drink. She has shown great self-control and great growth through overcoming her alcoholism. It is one of her great strengths.

3. Time Management: Belle needs to work on this area. She is often over-extended or unable to meet commitments.

4. Financial Management: Probably Belle's weakest area. She has not learned that working for a living solves most of life's financial problems, and she needs to learn this before becoming an MCC minister.

B: Ministry:

2. Followthrough: This is related to time management. Belle sometimes does the half of the job that shows and does not always follow through. She needs to work on this area.

PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Children's Program: Belle supervised our very active Sunday School for a long time and did a superlative job of making the Sunday School interesting, worthwhile, and beneficial for the children. She had supervision of as many as 15 youngsters in our educational program at various times. She also handled the getting of toys, games, etc. for the children's Christmas party and did a marvelous job of interfacing with Toys for Tots and other organizations.

2. Lesbian Mother's Program: MCC Providence had 47 children associated with it in one way or another, and a total of about 20 mothers who were active in or peripheral to the church. Belle was given the responsibility of ministering to those women in particular. She did a superlative job of counseling, befriending, and supporting them in their day to day living. In many ways this was one of the most demanding tasks at the church and Belle did it very, very well.

3. Prison Ministry: For many years Belle was one of the supports of the MCC Providence and indeed entire Northeast District Prison Ministry program. She wrote ~~dozens~~ hundreds of letters, kept all the records, and assisted Connie Di Cenzo in this program. Without Belle's behind-the-scenes activities here the prison ministry program could not have survived as long as it did.